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## NEW JAPANESE TEAM Shidehara and Yoshida Take On Job Giving Lead To Liberals

### TWO STARS AND NO STRIPES

If you see a policeman with two stars on his tunic collar you will know that he is the forerunner of the new Hong Kong police system, which is doing away with sergeants and crown sergeants in the European ranks and having a sub-inspector as the junior white officer. This is the system now operating in Singapore.

### COMMANDOS JOIN POLICE IN RAIDS

DETACHMENTS OF THE NO. 1 COMMANDOS ACTING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SPECIAL BRANCH OF THE H.K. POLICE CARRIED OUT A SERIES OF RAIDS IN HONG KONG YESTERDAY.

An official statement subsequently issued stated:

"Following information received, the police this afternoon raided a number of organisations in Hong Kong and Kowloon."

"It appears that certain members of these organisations had been carrying out illegal activities under the pretence of belonging to the Kuomintang.

"The Kuomintang had, of course, no knowledge of the use to which their name was being put."

"Police also visited the office at Marina House and obtained from Mr. Sham Chit-nan a number of documents relating to investigations into the activities of alleged Chinese traitors carried out by certain organisations in Hong Kong."

Mr. Sham subsequently issued an order making it clear that such investigations would cease forthwith."

### SCIENTISTS' REVOLT

LONDON, OCT. 6. THE VIEW THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY IS AN EMPIRE TASK AND NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ALONE IS PUT FORWARD BY THE "DAILY MAIL" IN A LEAD OF YESTERDAY, COMMENTING ON WHAT IT DESCRIBED AS "A SCIENTISTS' REVOLT" AIMED AT MAKING THE SOCIAL AND INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE ATOMIC BOMB MORE FULLY KNOWN THAN HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR.

The paper refers to authoritative statements that the British Isles are too small to accommodate the potentially dangerous plan, and writes: "Britain may be small, but the Empire is vast, and in its developments can be pursued with the minimum of risk."

"Each of the Dominions can contribute to the pool of knowledge," the paper concludes. —Reuter.

### PRICE CONTROL FOR 5 YEARS

LONDON, OCT. 6. A HEAVY LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME FACES THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WHEN IT OPENS ITS NEW SESSION ON TUESDAY.

The most important measure is the Supply and Service Bill, which deals with price controls, etc.

The Bill is in much the form as it was handed over by the last Administration, but there is one most important amendment.

This extends for five years—instead of two—the power to maintain price and currency controls.—Reuter.

BARON KIJIRO SHIDEHARA, 73-YEAR-OLD JAPANESE ELDER STATESMAN, WAS APPOINTED TO-DAY AS THE NEW PREMIER OF JAPAN. THE APPOINTMENT ENDED HOURS OF UNCERTAINTY, IN WHICH THE FINGER OF FAVOUR SEEMED TO BE TURNING TOWARD SHIGERU YOSHIDA, WHO WAS FOREIGN MINISTER IN THE CABINET THAT RESIGNED YESTERDAY.

SHIDEHARA WAS GIVEN AUTHORITY TO FORM A NEW CABINET TO REPLACE THE ONE THAT RESIGNED WITH PREMIER PRINCE HIGASHI KUNI. SHIDEHARA WAS AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES AFTER THE FIRST WORLD WAR, FROM 1919 TO 1922.—ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Mr. Shidehara stated later that he will announce the composition of his new Cabinet in a few days. He intends to retain Mr. Yoshida as his Foreign Minister.

The two men are close friends and favour close cooperation with the occupying authorities.

Mr. Shidehara was Prime Minister and Foreign Minister in previous Japanese Governments, but he went out of office at the time

of the Japanese seizure of Manchuria in 1931.—Reuter.

Asked how he felt about the tasks ahead of him, Baron Shidehara said, "The only course for Japan's future is to follow the line of Democracy in Japan's own way.

In the end Japan can work out her own salvation by the democratic principle.

"I am confident that it will take only a short time to reconvert the nation to the principles of liberal freedom of which I have been a long-standing champion. Now the old order has been discredited and abolished Liberal leaders can and will come out and assume leadership."

He intimated that his new Cabinet would be announced within a few days.—Reuter.

Higashi Kuni, who pictured himself as having completed his task of leading Japan through the difficult days of disarmament and initial occupation, said he planned to retire.

RISING CLAMOUR

Neutral observers said there is a rising clamour against the elder statesmen and current Imperial advisers and others who lost the war and still seek to retain power.

The Emperor is reported to still be relying on the advice of Marquis Koicho Kido, a target of the potential revolutionaries, and Baron Kichiro Haranuma, president of the privy council.

Yoshida twice called at the Imperial Palace and twice at MacArthur's headquarters. Subsequently he gave a dinner for Konoye and other influential Japanese.

On their arrival they will be taken over financially by the Rhodesian Government, but there are many items of expenditure which will need to be met by voluntary contributions.

The first donation to the fund is ten thousand pounds by the Boy Scouts' Association in London.—Reuter.

### CHANGING OF THE GUARD

LONDON, OCT. 6. LARGE CROWDS TURNED OUT TO SEE THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD CEREMONY TO-DAY, THE FIRST SINCE THE WAR.

The Life Guards formed the Old Guard and the Royal Horse Guards the new.

The scarlet uniforms were absent, the Guards wearing service dress. It was an austere ceremony.

During the war, both units served in armoured cars.—Reuter.

### First Batch Near Home

SOUTHAMPTON, OCT. 6. SOUTHPAMPTON IS GETTING ALL SET TO GIVE A TREMENDOUS RECEPTION TO THE FIRST REPATRIATES FROM THE FAR EAST, WHO ARE EXPECTED TO REACH SOUTHAMPTON ON MONDAY.

An official indicated that they would all be sent to their homes within two days.

Over 15,000 ex-prisoners of war and internees are expected at Liverpool and Southampton before the end of the month.—Reuter.

Part of the 88th Division of the Chinese 18th Army are now quartered at the camp at Garden City, Kowloon Tong, awaiting transport to North China.

### Nazi War Crimes Trial

Berlin, Oct. 6. British legal experts have arrived in Berlin for preliminary meetings next week of the International Tribunal which will try the major Nazi war criminals. The charges will be made public and will be given to the defense next week.

The trial has been fixed for early November.—Reuter.

### Waiter's Wear Worries

LONDON, OCT. 6. A CONTROVERSY IS RAGING IN THE LONDON PRESS ON THE VEXED QUESTION: SHOULD WAITERS WEAR EVENING DRESS?

A good many of to-day's waiters in London are returned from the Services and have lost their kit, and have not got sufficient coupons to purchase new garb.

Others lost their evening dress at the result of enemy action, while it is pointed out that, by and large, laundries cannot these days handle their soiled shirts.

One correspondent argues that the restaurants of London should get round to serving decent food before they worry about the wearing apparel of the server.

A restaurant manager, in reply to the critics of the restaurant insistence upon proper wear, says that evening dress is traditional and expected. None of the objectors to the dress would think of appearing in plus fours on a tennis court or in flannels at a court levee.

### FLOOD OF ORDERS

LONDON, Oct. 6. Reports from Lancashire indicate a flood of orders with which the cotton industry is likely to find it difficult to deal. One mill has orders enough to keep it busy for several years, and it is stated in Manchester that few deliveries can be guaranteed in under two years.—Reuter.

### TRAILS FROM THE VIENNA WOODS

VIENNA, OCT. 6. THE RENNER GOVERNMENT FACES ITS FIRST DOMESTIC CRISIS FOLLOWING THE SUDDEN ARRIVAL OF BITTERLY COLD WEATHER, AND POLITICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE THREE MAIN PARTIES. THE ONLY HOPE OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF VIENNAMESE IS NOW WOOD FROM THE FAMOUS VIENNA WOODS. AMERICANS HAVE INTENSIFIED THE FELLING OF TREES BUT THE BIG PROBLEM IS EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.

It is not clear whether this is reserved only for the American zone or if all Vienna will have a share.

The Renner Government self can do little to cope with this problem and is entirely dependent on Allied goodwill for fuel and food.

The danger now is not that people will die in masses from actual starvation, but that following severe under-nourishment for many months, many of them will die this winter from colds and influenza which are normally not fatal.

Already, hospitals report an alarming rise in the death-rate from minor illnesses.

It is unlikely that Austria can produce more than fifteen per cent of her need of coal this winter and unless supplies are brought in, the big industrial centres will have virtually no coal all winter.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE

Many workers cannot do more than four hours' work daily owing to their under-nourishment. Only slow progress is being made in re-

## CRUISER ANSWERS SOS IN A GALE

AFTER A 300-MILE TRIP THROUGH ANGRY SEAS FROM THE TIP OF FORMOSA WITH A CRIPPLED 10,000-TON ADMIRALTY TANKER "WAVE KING" IN TOW, THE CANADIAN CRUISER "ONTARIO" HAS AGAIN DROPPED ANCHOR IN HONG KONG.

THE ONLY MISHAP THAT OCCURRED AFTER SHE HAD ANSWERED THE WAVE KING'S SOS. OCCURRED A FEW HOURS AFTER ONTARIO HAD TAKEN THE STRICKEN SHIP IN TOW, WHEN THE WIRE PARTED RIGHT ON THE DECK OF THE CRUISER. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Ontario left Hong Kong last

Monday with Anson and other units of the Fleet because of the typhoon threat. Two hours later, Wave King's SOS was picked up and Ontario received orders to go to her assistance, and to the aid of the tug "Lariat" both of which had engine trouble and were encountering perilous weather.

Captain Harold Grant, D.S.O. R.C.N., Ontario's skipper ordered 25 knots and shortly after dawn of Wednesday they sighted both Wave King and Lariat hove to.

The tug had been towing Wave King from Okinawa to Hong Kong when Lariat herself developed engine and rudder trouble in gathering seas.

GALE BLOWING

Within 40 minutes Ontario's quarter-deck party working under Commander E. P. Tinsdale had secured the tanker's wire and the Journey to Hong Kong was commenced in worsening weather at seven knots.

H.M.S. Erne which came up a little later took over responsibility for "Lariat."

At mid-day, a flaw already apparent in the tanker's wire parted, and sea-soaked parties worked for two hours before the new line was made fast. Captain had to swing his ship round twice owing to weather changes and the ever-present threat of collision.

A gale of 35 knots was blowing and gusts up to 45-50 knots were sweeping across the cruiser's decks, but the officers kept their fingers crossed and the wire and cable held.

This was the tail-end of the typhoon which the cruiser had left Hong Kong to avoid and, in line of duty, had run smack into Tug took over from "Ontario" at the entrance to Hong Kong harbour.

### Gathering Of Clans

LONDON, OCT. 6. COMMENTING ON THE IMPENDING ARRIVAL IN LONDON OF MR. MACKENZIE KING, "THE TIMES" SAYS THERE IS MUCH FOR HIM TO DO ON THIS SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC, OF MORE THAN DOMESTIC CONCERN TO HIS COUNTRY, THOUGH THAT IS IMPORTANT TOO.

It goes on to point out that he will have the opportunity of meeting the new Governor-General, Field-Marshal Alexander, that Dr. Evatt, the Australian Minister for External Affairs is now in London, and that Dr. Huatmeyer, of South Africa, is coming.

"Such a team will be of vast strength to the Foreign Minister when he has the task of representing the British Empire at international conferences"—Reuter.

### Dagenham Explosion

LONDON, Oct. 6. An explosion occurred in a big chemical factory at Dagenham yesterday, killing one woman and injuring over fifty other factory workers.

The explosion occurred in the department where anti-pneumonia tablets were being made. The cause of the explosion is not known.—Reuter.

Paris, Oct. 6. Sir Walter Citrine, Secretary of the Trades Union Congress of Great Britain, was to-day elected President of the new International Trades Union Federation.—Reuter.

### Fritz Caught

London, Oct. 6. A notorious Nazi leader, Fritz Schubert, has been found in the port of Athens and arrested.

He will be charged by the Greek Government for atrocities in Crete, including the massacre of numbers of the Crete population.—Reuter.

### LIBERATOR DISASTER IN HANTS

LONDON, OCT. 6. TWENTY-THREE BODIES HAVE BEEN RECOVERED FROM THE WRECKAGE OF A LIBERATOR AIRCRAFT WHICH CRASHED AT MID-DAY YESTERDAY AT ELVETHAM, AN ISOLATED VILLAGE TWO MILES FROM HARTLEY WITNEY IN HAMPSHIRE.

The aircraft had just taken off from Blackbushey Aerodrome and was laden with Czechoslovakian refugees returning to their homeland.

It was well clear of the ground and at a fair altitude when it was seen to burst into flames and come hurtling to earth. It crashed into a field burning fiercely.

It is believed that the crew were British and all the passengers Czechs.—Reuter.

### SATELLITE TOWN

LONDON, OCT. 6. THE LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL IS PLANNING A NEW HOUSING ESTATE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF EPPING, WHICH WILL HAVE 4,000 HOUSES OF A NEW TYPE.

Arrangements are being made for shops, churches, post offices, and even for factories, so that the scheme represents in effect a satellite town. The cost is put in the region of five million pounds.

A smaller housing scheme at Dagenham in Essex will cost a quarter of a million.—Reuter.

### Air Mail To London

A TELEGRAM HAS BEEN RECEIVED LOCALLY TO THE EFFECT THAT THE OFFICIAL AIR MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN LONDON AND HONG KONG WAS STARTED ON THE 28TH SEPTEMBER.

The air mail postage rates are 1s. 6d. every half-ounce; air letters 1s. 6d. and postcards 7d.

Permission has been obtained here to begin a reciprocal service at the reciprocal Hong Kong rates, and an announcement will be made shortly as to local rates.

### Mothers On Warpath

BUENOS AIRES, OCT. 6. HUNDREDS OF WOMEN WERE INVOLVED IN DISTURBANCES TO-DAY.

They were the mothers and sisters of students arrested by the government yesterday after the attack on the building in which anti-Government students had barricaded themselves.

Several of the women were injured.

Some of the students were later released.—Reuter.

Servicemen will pay half-price on all transport services on from next Wednesday.



# Strange Atmosphere At Trial Of M. Laval

## CLEARED ON FOUR FIRST POINTS

### DUKE OF WINDSOR MOBBED

LONDON, OCT. 6. THE DUKE OF WINDSOR, RETURNING TO ENGLAND TO SEE HIS MOTHER FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HIS 1936 AbdICATION, WAS MOBBED FRIDAY BY AN ENTHUSIASTICALLY CHEERING CROWD AS HIS CAR DROVE UP TO MARLBOROUGH HOUSE, THE HOME OF THE QUEEN MOTHER.

The crowd surged around his car, shouting: "Good old Edward!" and "Long live the Duke of Windsor!" and "Welcome home!"

Hatless and wearing a light suit, the duke smiled and waved acknowledgement of the warm greeting. The Duchess of Windsor, for whom the duke gave up the throne, remained in Paris, but there were continuing reports that she would come to London later. The duke arrived from Paris at Herndon airport in an R.A.F. plane. He was greeted by R.A.F. Group Capt. Sir Louis Grigg, acting as the personal representative of the air minister. The Duke told newsmen he planned to remain three or four days and would hold a press conference. King George arrived at Buckingham palace from Scotland to visit his brother. —Associated Press.

### The Last Of The Dictators

PARIS, OCT. 6. AN URGENT DEMAND THAT ALL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS SEVER RELATIONS WITH SPAIN AND ARGENTINA WAS MADE TO THE WORLD TRADE UNION FEDERATION ON FRIDAY BY ITS STANDING COMMITTEE.

It said the national unions should use "all means at their disposal" to smash the two dictatorial regimes.

The resolutions on Spain and Argentina, along with others, came out of committee with unanimous support after a day-long closed general council session that lasted so long the delegates will not have a chance to vote on them until to-morrow. What was meant by the phrase "by every means at their disposal" was not specified.

Earlier, Sidney Hillman, head of the American congress of industrial organizations, had said no consideration had been given to any such measure as a world labor strike to block ship loadings for Argentina and Spain or any manufacture of supplies for them. —Associated Press.

### 14TH ARMY TO FADE OUT

SINGAPORE, OCT. 6. The British 14th army will be abolished in the near future and a Malaya command established in its place, with headquarters in Kuala Lumpur, the largest town on the Malayan peninsula.

Only about 2,000 members of Supreme Commander Lord Louis Mountbatten's staff will be transferred to Singapore.

An official announcement said 5,000 Japanese war criminal suspects will be housed in Changi gaol in Singapore. The prison was used by the Japanese for Allied war prisoners. —Associated Press.

### MUSLIM LEAGUE AND PRES. TRUMAN

London, Oct. 6. A statement issued last night by Mohammad Abbas Ali and Sardar Rahman, President and Secretary respectively of the London branch of the All India Muslim League, appeals to President Truman to revise his opinion about Jewish immigration into Palestine.

"Indian Muslims in Great Britain are behind Mr. Jinnah's stand for the Arabs," the statement says. "The Palestinian problem concerns Muslims throughout the world and President Truman is asked to consider their opinions," the statement adds. —Reuters.

PARIS, OCT. 6. PIERRE LAVAL HAD HIMSELF CLEARED ON FOUR IMPORTANT POINTS, INVOLVING THE PERIOD UP TO THE FORMATION OF THE VICHY GOVERNMENT, AS HIS TESTIMONY BEGAN AFTER THE HIGH COURT OVERRULED AGAIN FRIDAY HIS DEMAND FOR A POSTPONEMENT OF HIS TRIAL FOR THE SECOND TIME IN TWO DAYS. HE WAS BACK IN COURT AFTER HAVING BEEN EXPELLED FOR A HEATED OUTBURST THE PREVIOUS DAY.

After being rebuffed on his claim that he has not had sufficient time to prepare his defense, the former Vichy chief argued each point calmly but insistently until either the court or the prosecution conceded, "you will not be reproached" for each of these aspects of Laval's record:

- (1) Laval's record as a politician or statesman before the war;
- (2) any complicity in France's armistice with Germany in June 1940;
- (3) the constitutional law of July, 1940, delegating power to Marshal Petain and installing the Vichy regime;
- (4) designation as an aide to Petain in the regime.

Both Laval and the court were more restrained than at the first day's tumultuous session. Judge Pierre Mongeau, chided by the French press for the court's conduct of the trial, gave Laval a second and final chance to behave or be excluded from the court.

#### COURT DUEL

But the man who publicly symbolizes collaboration in France, charged with anti-national and pro-enemy activity which can bring the death penalty, mastered the calmer atmosphere just as he had done in the excitement.

It was a court duel with the veteran prosecutor, Andre Morete, who sought to take the wind out of Laval's sails and interrupt his arguments by taking each point out of the discussion after Laval had it well in his grasp. Laval was thus cleared of legal reproof as he recounted his record, from everything up to and including the formation of the Vichy government by the national assembly in July, 1940. —Associated Press.

#### OPENING WARNING

Paris, Oct. 6. Swarthy Pierre Laval, sixty-two year old premier of France in the Vichy era, whose conduct at Thursday's stormy first session of his trial caused the judge to threaten to carry on without him, took his place in court one minute before the session opened yesterday afternoon.

The defense counsels, who were absent on Thursday, were present yesterday.

Immediately the session began, Judge Mongeau announced that he had decided to rescind his decision of Thursday so that Laval could answer all questions fully.

"But I warn the accused," he said, "that if he raises his voice or indulges in such regrettable demonstrations as yesterday he will be removed from the court."

Laval, who was reported to have slept well after arriving in his cell the previous night in a very bad temper, looked more gloomy and shrivelled than ever as he sat in court with his chin in his hand. From time to time he muttered agreement or disagreement between his teeth, especially as the judge announced that he had been allowed to return at the unanimous request of the jury.

#### FIRST SCENE

The first scene came when one of the defense counsels rose to speak of the "indecent haste" with which the trial had opened and to urge the judge to postpone the trial to give Laval time to consult his lawyers.

The defense painted a picture of Laval working practically in the dark to prepare his case and of the prosecutor having access to documents he had not seen.

As the defense speech went on both the judge and defense counsel grew angry and began to raise their voices.

The Public Prosecutor also began to interrupt heatedly protesting that the examination of the case had been "sabotaged."

## DARWIN PANICKED IN 1942

CANBERRA, OCT. 6. THE PEOPLE OF DARWIN CITY AND AIR STATION IN NORTHERN AUSTRALIA WERE IN A PANIC AFTER THE FIRST JAPANESE RAID ON THE CITY ON FEBRUARY 19TH, 1942 AND MADE A DESPERATE EFFORT TO ABANDON THE TOWN. IT WAS DISCLOSED YESTERDAY IN A REPORT PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY JUSTICE CHARLES J. LOWE, JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF VICTORIA, WHO WAS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO ENQUIRE INTO THE EVENTS.

Civilians and the military took part in the looting which broke out during the night and conditions of extraordinary confusion and panic arose. These are attributed to lack of effective leadership after the raid, the report said.

The report added that criticism was well-founded. There were no safe trenches for the Police or civilians. Fifth column activities could not be disregarded.

Meteorological balloons have been found near the aerodrome, the purpose of which has been to indicate the upper air movements in order to assist accurate bombing. Certain Japanese, who disappeared at the outbreak, had not since been traced. —Reuter.

## High Tributes To H.K. Volunteers

IN A SPECIAL ORDER ISSUED TO MEMBERS OF THE H.K.V.D.C. YESTERDAY, LETTERS ARE PUBLISHED FROM THE C. IN C. AND THE G.O.C. PAYING HIGH TRIBUTE TO THE CORPS.

THE LETTERS FOLLOW:

"I wish to express my appreciation of the gallant behaviour and exemplary conduct of all ranks of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, during the attack on Hong Kong by the Japanese. From all sides I hear nothing but praise of the work which you did. This was carried out under the most difficult and trying conditions, aggravated by the suddenness of the attack and the lack of continuous training in Hong Kong by the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps prior to the attack. Lieutenant Colonel S.E.N.E. White, M.C., Officer Commanding Prisoner of War Camp, Sham Shui Po, has already expressed his appreciation of the behaviour of Volunteers in Military Camps, and I must congratulate you all on the example you set there. It is now my sincere wish that those who have been separated from their families for so long will be speedily reunited, and that all ranks of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps will soon enjoy a well earned period of leave prior to their being rehabilitated in their civilian employment.

(Sgd.) Cecil Harcourt, Commander-in-Chief."

#### G.O.C.'S LETTER

"I would like to record my own admiration for the outstanding way in which all ranks conducted themselves during the P.O.W. Camps, and I hope that when the time comes for demobilisation, you will have every good fortune on your return to civil life. In addition, I must express my deep sympathy to the many relations and friends of those who lost their lives here, and you may all rest assured that we will do everything in our power to ensure that their sacrifice was not made in vain."

(Sgd.) F. W. Festing, Major-General, General Officer Commanding.

## Ricksha Strike Over

AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AT THE LABOUR OFFICE YESTERDAY MORNING BETWEEN THE RICKSHA OWNERS' SYNDICATE AND THE STRIKING RICKSHA PULLERS.

The agreement called for the back-rental payment on vehicles from August 21 to October 5 at the rate of fifty cents per day.

From day to day, pullers will pay a daily rental of 80 cents a day and the owners have assumed responsibility for repairs to vehicles. There will be no rental charges while a ricksha is undergoing repair. —Reuter.

## INDIAN GOVERNOR OF ORISSA

London, Oct. 6. Lord Sinha, commenting yesterday on the appointment of Sir C. M. Trivedi as Governor of Orissa, said in an interview: "I am very glad His Majesty's Government has at last implemented the implications, following naturally on the appointment of my father, the first Lord Sinha, as Governor of Bihar and Orissa twenty-five years ago."

"I hope this action will be followed by similar appointments as there are many great Indian statesmen eminently fitted for similar posts," Lord Sinha concluded. —Reuter.

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# PRINCE KUNI DENIES, BUT

## MacArthur's Last Directive Was Too Much

### Discussion Of The Emperor

TOKYO, OCT. 6.  
MR. SHIGERO YOSHIDA, FOREIGN MINISTER IN THE NEW JAPANESE CABINET, LAST NIGHT MADE A ROUND OF VISITS TO GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS AND THE IMPERIAL PALACE IN A SERIES OF CONFERENCES, WHICH WILL PROBABLY DETERMINE THE NEW CABINET OF JAPAN.  
SHIGERO YOSHIDA, FORMER JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IN ROME AND LONDON, AND MEMBER OF THE JAPANESE DELEGATION TO THE VERSAILLES CONFERENCE IN 1919, WAS PROPOSED BY SEVENTY-TWO YEAR OLD BARON SHIDEHARA.

### Singapore Jealous

SINGAPORE, OCT. 6.  
THE CHINESE POPULATION HERE HEARD WITH SATISFACTION THE NEWS THAT GENERAL YAMASHITA, WHO COMMANDED THE JAPANESE TROOPS WHICH CAPTURED SINGAPORE IN 1942, IS TO BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL IN THE PHILIPPINES WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

Their only regret is that General Yamashita is not being brought to Singapore for trial.

It was reported here yesterday that his first act after the removal of the Home Minister and the dismissal of police chiefs throughout Japan, but a Japanese official disclosed that Prince Higashikuni, before offering the Cabinet's resignation, told his ministers that he would not submit to the section of the allied directive which allows the Japanese people to criticize or discuss the Emperor.

In so many words the Premier said he could not be responsible for future events after the directive, the official said.

"Prince Higashikuni is a member of the Royal family and felt most keenly on this point," the official added.

The official stated that the main points made at the resignation meeting of the Cabinet were: that in issuing the directive, General MacArthur "completely ignored the Prime Minister and his cabinet, who received no advance information or suggestion." That the order permitted the Japanese people to discuss the Emperor. This was the most important point.

#### FEAR OF 'CHAOS'

The resignation of the Cabinet has caused a stir among the Japanese. The minority group expressed fears of "chaos."

The view of the officers at General MacArthur's Headquarters was that the new Japanese Cabinet would work equally well with the Supreme Command. "They will have no choice but to play ball," one officer commented.

Some Japanese officials privately criticised the timing of the order, because it came just at harvest time and dismissed the district police officials, who supervise the distribution of food.

The Japanese will harvest the entire crop but there is nobody at present to see that some of the food comes to the cities, where starvation will be acute," a Japanese official said.

Japanese sources also say that Prince Konoye, Minister without portfolio, visited the Cabinet had resigned.

### Big Jewish Rallies

JERUSALEM, OCT. 6.  
THE FIRST PUBLIC REACTION AMONG THE JEWISH POPULATION IN PALESTINE TO WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE THE COMING POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS WHILE OCCUR AT MEETINGS ARRANGED IN ALL LARGE AND SMALL JEWISH URBAN CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Work in factories and other establishments will be suspended, shops will close and all traffic will be halted between 1.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. that day to enable the largest number of people possible to attend the rallies. It was announced yesterday by the National Council of Palestine Jews. At the same time the Chief Rabbi is sponsoring prayers in all synagogues.—Reuter.

#### FILIPINE STRIKE

MANILA, Oct. 6.  
The first post-war strike in the Philippines ended yesterday when the Filipino telegraph operators, employed by the Radio Corporation of America, returned to their jobs after they had received advice by radio telephone from America, five thousand miles away, to return to their posts, pending negotiations.—Reuter.

Mr. John P. Tollinger, the American Red Cross Field Director in Hong Kong, is leaving for Canton on October 9th. He is uncertain of the length of time he proposes to stay in the Kwangtung capital.

### CAIRO CAUTION

CAIRO, OCT. 6.  
SOLDIERS AND POLICE WERE STANDING BY IN CAIRO TO-DAY ON THE REOPENING OF THE UNIVERSITIES, AS A PRECAUTION AGAINST DISTURBANCES BY THE STUDENTS.

A CORRESPONDENT CABLES THAT SO FAR THEY HAVE CONTENTED THEMSELVES WITH LISTENING TO SPEECHES ON EGYPTIAN POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS.—REUTER.

### WAR ON LEPROSY

London, Oct. 6.  
The British Medical Journal yesterday described as "timely" the recent paper by R. G. Cochrane of the Missing Medical College for Women in Vellore, Southern India, on leprosy control especially in Madras Presidency.

Cochrane advocated, among other things, the appointment in each province of an experienced leprologist and the establishment of a large agricultural compound for the isolation and treatment of infective patients and, in rural areas, isolation of infective cases in special hours at night.

The British Medical Journal adds "Now that the vast expenditure by Great Britain and the United States in defending India and recovering Burma has converted India from a debtor to a creditor country, funds should be forthcoming in support of a determined effort to solve the leprosy problem by putting into effect the comprehensive measure above outlined."

Reuter.

### STOCK MARKET QUIET

London, Oct. 6.  
The continued desire to await fresh developments, coupled with week-end considerations, resulted in a quiet session in the stock markets yesterday. An undetermined, however, generally remained. Activity in South African gold mines was resumed early, encouraged by good buying from that centre. Blyvoors were particularly favoured by the tape while there was renewed interest in the selective developer issues, further reflecting rumours with good bore-hole results but the demand found the market short while there was also a scarcity of stock of recent favourites.

Selective investment buying again appeared, British Celanese being particularly active, at a shilling higher at 34½. The absorption of a large block of shares recently hanging over the market was attracting further buyers, and British railways made a sizeable demand, with buyers taking the long-term view that railways might receive a good compensation in the event of nationalisation.

Some professional marking down of rubbers and tins failed to attract buyers owing to the uncertain news in the Near East. Foreign bonds generally remained quietly steady, also international dollars stocks.—Reuter.

#### WELL-EARNED REST

London, Oct. 6.  
Field Marshal Alexander, the Governor-General-Designate of Canada, is to stay in England for a few months before assuming his post.

Pictures appear in this morning's papers of the general at his home in the heart of Windsor Forest, with Lady Alexander and their six-year-old son.—Reuter.

#### 17,000 SURRENDER

London, Oct. 6.  
The Melbourne Radio reports that 17,000 Japanese have officially surrendered in the Lesser Sunda Islands (excluding Lombok) which stretch from Java to Timor and include famous Bali.

They belong to the Dutch and were overrun by the Japanese in March 1942.—Reuter.

#### WOMAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

According to a Police report, Man Yuk-kwai, aged 27, spinner, jumped over the first floor verandah of No. 71, Kwai-lin Street, yesterday. She sustained facial injuries and was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital. The report adds that Mak was very depressed as she had not had any news of other members of her family in the country, and was temporarily insane.

### FLYING TIGER DECORATED

Washington, Oct. 6.  
With Admiral Nimitz in attendance, President Truman to-day presented the Congressional Medal of Honour, the nation's highest award, to 11 marines and three navy men.

One was Lt.-Col. Gregory Boyington, the marine air hero of the Solomons fighting.

As a former "Flying Tiger," in China, he downed six Japanese airplanes and later raised his total to 26 in the marine air force.

He was shot down near Rabaul and was listed as missing for a year and a half until he was found in prison of war camp in Japan.—Associated Press.

#### BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONGKONG

#### DELEGATION OF POWERS (AMENDMENT)

#### PROCLAMATION No. 4

Article 3  
Regulation No. 6...Prohibition of Building Work

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Article 3 of the above-mentioned proclamation, I, DAVID MCDUGALL, Brigadier, Chief Civil Affairs Officer, hereby make the following regulation.

1. Any work of building reconstruction or repair for which materials of an aggregate value in excess of \$250 are required, save work done under and in accordance with a permit issued by Col. (C.A.) Works, is hereby prohibited.

2. The aggregate value shall be calculated by reference to the price which the materials would have fetched in the open market at the date work commenced, or if this cannot be ascertained then such value as Col. C.A. Works certifies to be the aggregate value of the materials.

3. Any person in possession of any of the items specified in the schedule hereto or of any other item which could suitably be employed in any work of building reconstruction or repair shall within fourteen days from the date of the publication of this regulation declare the same by giving full and accurate particulars thereof in writing to Col. (C.A.) Works at his office.

4. Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this regulation shall on conviction by the Standing Military Court be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or to both such imprisonment and fine.

#### SCHEDULE

1. Building Materials, iron-mongery and fittings.
2. Water supply plant and fittings.
3. Electrical plant & fittings.
4. Sanitary fittings.
5. Drain and water pipes.
6. Structural Steel.
7. Tar and Bitumen.

GIVEN under my hand at HONGKONG this 6th day of October, 1945.

D. M. MACDOUGALL  
Brigadier,  
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

#### VICTORY BALL

to be held in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel on October 10, at 5 p.m. with

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### LATEST NOTICES

#### REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 14

#### H. M. ESCORT CARRIER "SLINGER"

1. Stanley passengers assemble at Stanley at 9.15 a.m. on Sunday, 7th October.

2. Hongkong passengers assemble at Queen's Pier at 10.00 a.m.; or if residents of Kowloon assemble at Holt's Wharf at 11 a.m.

3. Passengers must not board the vessel without first obtaining their embarkation card.

The undermentioned are listed for this ship:

Mr. F. H. Weare  
Mr. F. J. Clark  
Mr. N. A. Ellberg  
Mr. F. W. Shaffain  
Pastor J. Nelson  
Dr. H. L. Cliff  
Mr. A. B. Hanson  
Mr. F. W. Van der Slooten  
Mr. D. L. Newbigging  
Mr. G. E. Thom, son  
Mr. N. Lee  
Mr. H. W. R. McDonald  
Mr. W. J. Morris  
Mr. J. R. Lov

Mr. & Mrs. G. Castle  
Capt. A. Boyce  
Mrs. M. Barker  
Dr. & Mrs. J. Lanchester  
Miss Losby  
Miss P. Losby  
Mrs. S. A. Pike  
Mrs. A. W. de Brookort  
Miss A. M. de Brookort  
Mstr. D. R. J. de Brookort  
Mstr. A. J. de Brookort  
Mrs. E. S. Ainslie  
Mr. E. F. Donaldson  
Mrs. H. MacLachlan  
Mr. & Mrs. H. Pieroy  
Mrs. M. Sheppard  
Mrs. L. Corra  
Miss C. Corra  
Mr. Corra  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Z. Levi  
Miss D. H. Pepperroll  
Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Ramsey  
Mr. J. E. Ramsey

#### REPATRIATION OFFICE

7th October, 1945.

#### H. K. V. D. C.

#### REPATRIATION NOTICE

In addition to the names already published, the following will leave by H.M.S. SLINGER on Sunday, 7th October, 1945:

Dmr. Andrews, G. F. & 2 D.

Pendants  
N/D. Judah, B. R.

N/D. Ross, G. R.

Mrs. Taylor, M. F.

Sgt. Tolian, D. & 1 D.

Dependant  
L/Bdr. Corra, H. & 2 D.

Pendants  
Sgt. Pieroy, G. H. & 1 D.

Sgt. Ramsay, W. L. & 3 D.

Sgt. Charles, R. H. & 2 D.

Pendants  
Gnr. Yalohovsky, G. A.

RENDEZVOUS: Those living in

Hong Kong rendezvous at Queen's Pier at 1000 hours. Those living in Kowloon rendezvous at Holt's Wharf at 1000 hours. Those living in Stanley meet at Stanley at 1000 hours.

E. N. THURSBY,  
Major & Adj.

Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Hong Kong, 6th October, 1945.

#### NOTICE

#### INTERNATIONAL BANK

#### Gold & Money Exchange

7a, Ioo, House St. Tel. 31389.

#### NOTICE

#### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that a meeting of the Council of the Association will be held at the office of Messrs. Lo & Lo, (by kind permission), Alexandra Building, First Floor, on Monday the 16th day of October 1945 at 2.30 p.m., to discuss the question of revival of football in the Colony.

All Clubs affiliated to the Association and not represented on the Council are requested to send a representative to the Meeting.

Dated the 8th day of October, 1945.

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municate with us.

### "SILENT MINUTE" TO PONDER UNITY

London, Oct. 6. The British Premier, Mr. Clement Attlee, wishes "silent minute," the time taken by Big Ben from the world-famous House of Parliament clock, to chime at 21.00 hours G.M.T. to continue to be observed throughout the British Empire for reflections of unity. A special broadcast will be made from London next month to explain the scheme.—Reuter.

### Triangular Soft-Ball Tourney

A Softball Knock-Out Exhibition game will be played between the Hong Kong Volunteers, The Rest of the Colony and H.M.C.S. "Ontario" on Tuesday at 4 p.m. sharp at the H.K.C.C. ground under the organisation of Mr. H. Moosee, in connection with the first day of the V-Day Celebrations in the Colony.

Mr. Ho Kam Tong, Chairman of the V-Day Celebration Committee, has donated a Silver Cup and Medals for the winning team. Major E. N. Thrusby, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C. will pitch the first ball and distribute the prizes at the conclusion of the game. The following will represent the three teams:

H.K. Volunteers: Dickie Alves, Mickey Remedios, Gerry Gonsalves, Luigi Gonsalves, Sherry Bus, Tony Alves (Capt.), Bertie Gonsalves, Ernie Ribeiro, Albert Leonard, F. M. Soares and P. A. Yvanovich. Rest of the Colony: Bill Kwan, A. M. Omar, A. Gonsalves, N. A. Beltrano (Capt.), H. A. Barros, Arturo Ozorio, Barney Abbas, C. Gutierrez, A. R. "Skelly" Razack, M. Xavier, Young Kar Sing ("Showboat" Ali), A. J. "Jindoo" Husman, C. Hollands and E. Rozario.

H.M.C.S. "Ontario" names will be announced later. The team will be under the Captaincy of Sub-Lt. J. T. McMenamy.

### ALL SET

London, Oct. 6. Edward Stettinius, American delegate to the United Nations Preparatory Commission, announced to-day that 30 countries had ratified the organization's Charter. This is one more than required to bring the organization into existence. —Associated Press.

## COMMUNAL FEEDING SYSTEM TO END?

WHILE DETAILS HAVE NOT BEEN FINALLY WORKED OUT, IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOUSING AND FEEDING GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES ARE CONTEMPLATED.

INSTEAD OF FREE MEALS, SOME INCREASE OF SALARY WILL BE GIVEN TO ESSENTIAL SERVICE WORKERS WHICH WILL REALLY BE A HIGH COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE. FROM THIS THE WORKER WILL BE EXPECTED TO BUY HIS OR HER OWN MEAL.

Essential workers will continue to be catered for on the ground floor of the Hong Kong Hotel at Mac's Cafeteria. A

### \$19,000 ROBBERY

POSING AS AN ELECTRICIAN, AN UNKNOWN CHINESE GAINED ENTRY INTO THE GROUND FLOOR OF NO. 28, MORRISON HILL ROAD, OCCUPIED BY YAN PO, A CHINESE TAILOR AND HIS CONCUBINE. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, SHORTLY

Having once got into the premises, Yan Po let in five accomplices. The rest was easy. They bound Yan Po and his concubine and proceeded to ransack the place.

When they left the premises they took with them Chinese Central Government Notes \$20,000 (valued at H.K.\$16,000), Chinese Customs Notes \$20,000 (H.K.\$16,000) and clothing valued at H.K.\$2,300 making a total haul of H.K.\$10,000.

A report was made to the Police by Yan Po after the men had decamped. Investigations are proceeding.

SO IT'S UNANIMOUS Washington, Oct. 6. Argentina surprisingly joined 20 other American republics on Friday in voting to postpone the Inter-American conference scheduled for Rio de Janeiro. The Argentine situation was primary reason for postponement was sought by other American nations.—Associated Press.

## East's Challenge To The West

LONDON, OCT. 9. HOWEVER SPURIOUS THE PRESENT JAPANESE-SPONSORED UPRIISINGS IN INDO-CHINA AND THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES MAY BE, NATIONALISM IS A PROFOUND AND DEEPLY ROOTED FORCE IN THE FAR EAST AND IT MUST BE SATISFIED, STATES THE FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL WEEKLY "ECONOMIST" IN ITS CURRENT ISSUE TO-DAY.

After stating that something resembling dominion status was almost certainly the least the local peoples would accept as the ultimate goal, the "ECONOMIST" adds: "THE CHALLENGE OFFERED NOW TO THE BRITISH, FRENCH AND DUTCH COLONIAL POLICY IS TO SET A COURSE WHICH IS MANIFESTLY STEERING TOWARDS THE GAOL."

Two dangers, one internal and one external, stand above all others in their way—the very unequally divided economic wealth of communities and the presence of potentially predatory neighbours.

If the European powers were to move out before these two problems were on the way to solution, they would not be free to Far East but simply submit it to another

and possibly harsher domination.

"By education and by economic opportunity, the natives must be given greater control over their own wealth. At present, in productive industry, in mining and in plantations, the pattern is almost always the same—ownership of wealth is in the hands of alien European and Asiatic owners and the export of profits drawn from it to Western Europe, India or China.

DOUBLE POLICY

"The Colonial powers need, therefore, to initiate a double policy—to raise the standard of living of the natives and to see that an equitable portion of the product of their labour stays to enrich their own community.

The second danger—that of potentially expansive neighbours—can be met only if the territories make a strategic link with the outside great Powers, which are committed to respect native independence and are under normal circumstances strong enough to discourage interference of these powers which are not.

"It is sufficient to lay down these two policies—of economic development and common defence—and to see that they are not policies to be pursued by Britain, France and Holland separately.

JOINT SECRETARIAT

"Both aims can be fully achieved only if the three powers make an immediate start in pooling their economic and strategic policies in the Far East.

Unless however, it was possible for correspondents to visit those countries and to send out uncensored reports on conditions there, it was impossible to judge whether the governments of these countries had reached the stage where they could be diplomatically recognised.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON, OCT. 6. THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. BYRNES, ON HIS ARRIVAL FROM BRITAIN SAID IN A PRESS INTERVIEW THAT THE TIME HAD COME FOR THE END OF THE SUSPICIONS WHICH CAUSED THE FIVE-POWER COUNCIL MEETINGS TO END IN STALEMATE.

Russia must not persist in the idea that Britain and the United States were opposed to governments in Bulgaria, Rumania and elsewhere in the Balkans which were friendly to Russia.

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"It could be a modest one—the establishment of a joint colonial secretariat, calling of a conference to discuss Far Eastern trade and commodity control and arrangement for permanent pooling of Far Eastern bases and airfields. But the possibilities are very great.

"If, in the future, disunity, suspicion and competition are all that the Powers have to offer each other and their colonial peoples, they are drawing up the death warrant of their system.

"This is the last opportunity to prove that their link with the Far East has not outlived its day," the paper concluded.—Reuter.

WE LEARN FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE THAT GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING FIREWOOD PRICE CONTROL.

Firewood retailers have been informed that they will be supplied with stocks which they are to recall at 5 cents per cubic foot, though it has not been possible to ascertain what allowance per head has been decided upon.

Inquiries from dealers last night elicited the information that they have been "warned to stand by for distribution at the price mentioned above" though stocks have not yet been issued, at least not to the majority of depots.

The present price of firewood ranges from 10 to 12 cents per cubic foot, this being dependent on the dryness of the wood.

"ORONTES" SAILS ON SCHEDULE

LONDON, OCT. 6. IN SPITE OF THE RECENT FIRE ABOARD THE LINER SAILED TO-DAY, WEARING HER PEACETIME COLOURS, EXACTLY ON PRE-ARRANGED DATE.

Ship-repairers worked on her day and night for 22 days to enable her to sail to schedule. She is to bring troops to England from the East. It is understood.—Reuter.

The price of one tael of Chinese gold at Chinkiang has been officially fixed at 111,000 National Chinese dollars, buying and 114,000 dollars selling. The Central Bank and the Bank of China have been given the responsibility for maintenance of the official rate.—Reuter.

LAST LANCASTER

London, Oct. 6. A Southport aircraft factory to-day completed its last Lancaster bomber.

These bombers are the biggest in the Royal Air Force.

and the factory concerned has turned out 601. —Reuter.

### NAZI "JUDGES" TO HANG

London, Oct. 6. Five Nazi prisoners of war will be hanged to-day in a London prison for killing a fellow prisoner after giving him a "mock trial" in which he was accused of being a traitor to Germany.

The five will meet the same fate as Sgt. Wolfgang Rosterg, who was hanged by them in a Scottish prison camp two days before last Christmas. —Associated Press.

### More Elections

London, Oct. 6. Moscow Radio announced to-day that elections to the Supreme Soviet will be held throughout Russia on February 10.

Athena also announces elections. The Greek Cabinet met to-day and fixed the date at January 20. —Reuter.

## FULDA CONDEMN'S NAZI CRIMES

LONDON, OCT. 6. DENUNCIATION OF NAZI ATROCITIES AND OF THE GERMANS WHO REMAINED INDIFFERENT TO THEM IS CONTAINED IN A PASTORAL LETTER ISSUED BY THE FULDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS IN GERMANY.

HOLDING UP ITS WAR-TIME RECORD OF OUTSPOKEN COMMENT ON NAZI ACTIVITIES, THE FIRST FULDA MEETING HELD SINCE THE END OF THE WAR DEEPLY DEPLORED "THAT ANY GERMAN, EVEN OF OUR OWN RANKS, ALLOWED THEMSELVES TO BE MISLED BY THE FALSE TEACHING OF NATIONAL-SOCIALISM BY REMAINING INDIFFERENT TO THE CRIMES AGAINST HUMAN FREEDOM AND HUMAN DIGNITY."

A grave responsibility rested on those who, because of their influence or position, knew what was going on and might have prevented the outrages but did not do so, even making them possible, thereby manifesting their solidarity with the criminals, the letter declares.

### EVEN BEFORE WAR

The letter speaks out with remarkable frankness against the terrible things which it acknowledges were perpetrated even before the war in Germany, and during the war by Germans in occupied territories.

At the same time the letter applauds and gives thanks to "all priests and members of the laity who had fearlessly stood up in large numbers against these terrible crimes.

"In prison, and throughout ill-treatment, many of them have become true confessors and many had given up their lives for their convictions.

### THE "PURELY" FORMAL

The letter defended those whose membership of the Nazi party was purely formal, asserting that "in the case of those who were in a dependent position, especially civil servants and school teachers, membership did not mean inner assent to the awful acts of the Nazi regime.

"Many joined knowing little of the activities and aims of party. Many were forced to join and others joined with the good intention of preventing evil. It is, therefore, the demand of justice, that each case be investigated separately." —Reuter.

## Numerous Arrests In Kunming

CHUNGKING, OCT. 6. CHINESE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TROOPS IN KUNMING HAVE ARRESTED SUPPORTERS OF THE OUSTED YUNNAN GOVERNOR AND WAR LORD, LUNG YUN, BUT MAJ-GEN. H. S. AURAND, COMMANDER OF AMERICAN FORCES AT KUNMING, SAID TO-DAY HE HAD HEARD OF NO AUTHENTIC REPORTS OF ANY RENEWED HOSTILITIES.

LUNG YUN, INTERVIEWED AT KUNMING, SAID HE WAS PROPERLY HANDING OVER THE ADMINISTRATION TO GENERAL LU HAN, UNDER GENERAL ISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S ORDERS.

CHINESE CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY SAID LUNG YUN WAS SCHEDULED TO COME TO CHUNGKING TO-DAY, PRESUMABLY TO ASSUME THE OBSCURE OFFICE OF "HEAD OF THE MILITARY COUNCIL" TO WHICH CHIANG APPOINTED HIM AT THE TIME OF HIS OUSTER.

General Aurand telephoned that American establishments at Kunming were functioning normally. He said the U.S. army's 172nd general hospital was evacuating its quarters under the schedule it had drawn before the trouble, because it is now treating fewer than 30 patients.

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